



UCCE Master Gardener's of Glenn County Newsgram

February 2019

Nursery Crawl

I attended the nursery crawl in February, I went to 5 nurseries. The nurseries I went to were busy and they all reported that they were busier than past years of the nursery crawl.

In last months newsgram, there was some information from the Xerces Society about steps we can take to help pollinators. One of the items was to not buy plants that have been treated with systemic insecticides. The 5 nurseries I went to on the crawl all reported that they do not use them or buy plants that have been treated with them. That's good news, the lesson I learned was always ask, the local small nurseries know their plants and how they have been treated. When you go nurseries this spring ask if the use system insecticides and let is all know if you find one that does.

Heat Zone Map

The American Horticulture Society (AHS) has produced a heat zone map, it can be used as a companion map to the USDA hardiness zones map which is based on coldest temperatures. This map divides the US into zones based on the number of days temperatures are over 86 degrees. The effects of heat damage are more subtle than the effects of cold damage which can instantly kill a plant. Plant death from heat can be slow and lingering. The heat zone designation is beginning to show up on plant labels, in reference books and catalogs. The downside is that the map is not available on-line, it needs to be purchased for \$10 from AHS. For more information on the map product visit their website at <https://www.ahsgardening.org/gardening-resources/gardening-maps/heat-zone-map>.

I recently saw several redwood trees being sold in Chico at one of the big stores. I checked the label and the USDA Hardiness Zones were the only indicator on the label that showed acceptable areas for planting. As we all know these trees do not generally long lived in our climate.



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Continuing Education Hours.

San Francisco Flower and Garden Show

Due to scheduling conflicts the show this year will be held at Cal Expo in Sacramento on March 21-24. This a great opportunity for those of us in Glenn County to see this show without having to drive to the Bay Area. Continuing Education (CE) hours are available for attending a seminar related gardening and landscaping. As of this writing the seminar schedule is not posted on line yet, but the website says there will be 75 free seminars and workshops.

Turtle Bay in Redding

Saturday March 9-Soils class, 10 –12. Cost \$3

Saturday March 23-Drought Tolerant Landscaping Class. 10-12 Cost \$3

Saturday March 30-A walk with the horticulture manager.

Saturday April 6-Public Plant Sale at the Nursery. (Not CE eligible)

Haagen-Dazs Bee Haven at UC Davis

Saturdays March 16 and April 6. - Planting Bee Gardens

Saturday April 6-Bee Watching for Beginners

FairOaks Horticulture Center—Sacramento County Master Gardeners

Backyard Composting 101-Friday March 5

Compost Workshop-Saturday March 23

UC Davis Arboretum

Tuesday March 12-Herbs and Veggies; creating your edible garden.

Tuesday March 19-Make your garden pop for pollinators.

Butte County Master Gardeners

Butte County Master Gardeners have posted their spring workshops on their website. You can see the workshops at the following link. <https://ucanr.edu/sites/bcmg/Workshops/>

Field Trips

Field Trip to Haagen Daz Bee Haven at UC Davis is a go. We are scheduled for April 23. Tour starts at 10:00. It will be a guided plant focused tour. At the March Meeting we can discuss car pooling.



Master Gardener Business

March 6—Monthly Meeting 1:00 at the UCCE office in Orland

Michel Mendoza is the new Demonstration Garden Coordinator. Thank you for taking on this work. And also thanks to Tammy for all the work she did while the demonstration garden coordinator.

Save your unwanted cardboard. We want to do some additional sheet mulching in the demonstration garden as soon as the weather lets up. Date will follow.

Ace Hardware in Orland called the office and inquired about having Master Gardeners available at the store to provide information to the public. This sounds like a great idea. At the meeting on Wednesday March 6 we can discuss some dates and what kind of material we can have available to hand out.

June will be here before we know it, that is when we all need to complete our volunteer and continuing education hours and enter them into VMS.

Opportunities for Volunteer Hours

Information for seed packets. An information sheet needs to be prepared for the seeds we are planning to give out at the events we have scheduled this spring. Sheet should include plant name, planting instructions, site conditions where the plant will do best, size, water needs and information about the Master Gardeners and how to contact us. Our first event is early April, these need to be developed soon.

Bee Hobby Day. Volunteers are needed to work at the Honey Bee Hobby Day on April 6 in Orland. Master Gardeners attended the past two years and it was successful. We handed out information, answered questions and sold books. We spoke to about 100 people that day. A very successful event.

Ace Hardware in Orland. Dates to be determined, similar to Bee Hobby Day, we have a table of information to give out and be available to answer questions.